

Jicaquean languages

Jicaquean, also known as **Tolan**, is a small language family of Honduras. There are two attested Jicaquean languages, Tol (Eastern Jicaque) and Western Jicaque (Holt 1999), which Campbell (1997) reports were about as distant as English and Swedish. Only Tol survives.

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Classification

Prior to an influential paper by Greenberg and Swadesh in 1953^[2] Tol (a.k.a. Eastern Jicaque) was thought to be a language isolate, i.e., there existed no knowledge as to its possible genetic affinities. They argued that Tol should be added to the Hokan stock, a large language stock, phylum or family, which was proposed by R. B. Dixon and Alfred D. Kroeber in 1913.^[3] In 1977, David Oltrogge^[4] proposed to link Tol to the extinct Subtiaba language of Nicaragua, and also to Chontal of Oaxaca, also known as Tequistlateco. This indirectly amounted to a mere sub-classification, since all of the three languages in question were part of the proposed Hokan stock. A couple of years later, Campbell and Oltrogge^[5] published a reconstruction of Jicaquean phonemes, based on the available information on Western and Eastern Jicaque. In that same paper they expressed strong doubt in the Hokan affiliation of Tol and mild enthusiasm regarding the possible link to Chontal of Oaxaca, but stressed that much more information was needed to be able to say anything reasonable. More recently, Kaufman^[6] has expressed his continuing support of the Hokan affiliation of Tol.

Granberry & Vescelius (2004) speculate that the extinct Ciguayo language of Hispaniola might have its most likely relatives in the Tolan languages.

Proto-language

Proto-Jicaque reconstructions by Campbell and Oltrogge (1980):^[7]

Jicaquean	
	Tolan
Ethnicity	Tolupan
Geographic distribution	Honduras
Linguistic classification	Hokan ? ▪ Jicaquean
Subdivisions	Eastern Jicaque Western Jicaque
Glottolog	jica1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/jica1245) ^[1]



The Jicaque languages are in Honduras in the center of the map

Proto-Jicaque
Reconstruction of Jicaquean languages

no.	gloss	Proto-Jicaque
2	all	*p ^h ĩ(t)
3	always	*han-
5	arm, back, shoulder	*p ^h el
7	arrow	*ɕimea ?
8	ashes	*p ^h ĩp ^h ĩh
13	to be	*k'os
16	bed	*k ^h an
17	belly	*-kol
18	big	*pĩneh ?
24	black	*te(k ^h)
27	blood	*k'as
28	blue	*ɕu(h)
30	body	*p'ĩ(y)
32	bone	*k ^h ele
34	bow (of bow and arrow)	*halek
37	to burn	*tV-p ^w e
38	bush (forest)	*hok'-la
40	buzzard	*mantĩ
45	cloud	*mol
46	coal(s)	*ɕ ^h ek
51	cougar	*pĩk'a(-he)
59	daughter	*(ku)kus
62	deer	*p'ĩs
63	to die	*pĩ? ?
65	dog	*ɕ ^h iyo(h)
66	to drink	*mĩ?
67	(to) dry	*p ^h a
69	ear	*p ^h aɕ'
70	earth, land	*(a)ma(h)
71	to eat	*la ?
72	egg	*pehey
75	excrement	*pĩ(y)
78	far	*kampa
79	father	*(pa)pa(y)
84	fire	*k'awa

85	firewood	*wɿ(t)
86	fish	*k ^h ul
89	flea	*pel
91	fly	*noʔoʔ
93	forehead	*wala
94	to forget	*-pɿʔ
95	four	*(y)ulup ^h ana
97	fruit	*wolas
99	to give	*-tek 'a
101	good	*wɿ(k)
102	grain (cf. maize)	*hulup
103	grandmother, female	*(mɿ)mɿy
104	to grind	*k ^h ol ?
106	hair	*ʔ 'il
107	hand	*mas ?
108	he, that	*hup
109	head	*ha(y)p ^h uk
110	to hear	*p ^h ak
111	heart	*has-
114	horn	*ʔ ^h eme
115	house	*wa
117	I	*nap ?
119	intestines	*ʔ 'ul
123	knee	*tik ' -
125	to laugh	*wiʔ
126	leg	*tek
128	lip	*lɿp
129	liver	*kom
131	long	*kampa
132	to look for	*pal-
133	louse	*tɿt ' -
135	macaw	*p ' ɿsa(h)
137	male, grandfather	*(ko)koy
138	man	*yom
140	meat	*pis
143	moon	*mɿmɿy

144	month	*mɛ̃y-p ^h ini(h)
148	mouth	*lala
149	much	*pɛ̃lɛ̃k
150	my, mine	*naɕaʔ
152	navel	*lulu
153	nephew	*kelew ?
155	no	*ma-
156	nose	*mik
157	to nurse	*ɕoʔ
158	oak	*ɕ 'olol
159	one	*p ^h ani(h)
164	parrot	*k ^h uyu(h)
168	red	*he(h)
172	round	*mul- ?
175	salt	*ɕolim
177	sandal, shoe	*ɕompit
178	scorpion	*ɕ ^h ew ?
179	to see	*nu(k)
186	skinny	*k ^h ele
187	sky	*alpa
188	sleep	*han-
190	smoke	*mus
192	to snore	*-hol-
194	to sow, plant	*sin-
195	to speak	*wele
196	spider	*kolok
201	stone	*pe(h)
202	summer	*ɕ ^h ikin
203	sun	*loɕ 'ak
204	tail	*sok '
207	there is/are not (Sp.: <i>no hay</i>)	*kuwa
210	thorn	*ham ?
212	to tie	*ɕupa-
215	tongue	*pelam
216	tooth	*wis
217	tree	*yo(h)
220	two	*mat 'ɛ̃

221	uncle	*kok ^h am ?
224	wasp	*pet ^h el
225	water	*sɨ́(t ^h)
226	we	*-kup
228	white	*p ^h e(k ^h)
229	wind	*lɨ́p ^h ɨ́(k ^h)
230	woman	*kep
233	word	*wele
235	worm, caterpillar	*ɕ' ihih
237	yellow	*lu(p ^h)
239	you	*hip

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External links

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- [Jicaquean basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database \(http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\hok\jic&first=0\)](http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\hok\jic&first=0)
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